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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR DIRECTOR OF VICTORIAN
CHAMBER OF MANUFACTURES

1. MR BRIAN B POWELL, DIRECTOR OF VICTORIAN CHAMBER
OF MANUFACTURES (VCM) HAS ASKED CONGEN TO FACILITATE
SHORT VISIT HE IS MAKING TO U.S. IN EARLY OCTOBER. AS
POWELL IS EXCELLENT CONTACT AND HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL
AND FRIENDLY TO CONGEN IN COMMERCIAL AND OTHER MATTERS
(SUCH AS RECENT NAVAL VISIT), POST WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPT'S SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THIS MESSAGE.

2. MR POWELL AS DIRECTOR OF VCM SPEAKS FOR ORGANIZATION
OF OVER 6000 MANUFACTURERS, BIGGEST EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION
IN STATE OF VICTORIA. ITS MEMBERS EMPLOY 24 PERCENT
OF VICTORIA'S WORK FORCE. ASSOCIATION ITSELF IS WELL-
FINANCED, WELL-STAFFED ORGANIZATION. POWELL IS OFTEN
INTERVIEWED BY AUSTRALIAN PRESS ON ECONOMIC AND
INDUSTRIAL QUESTIONS.

3. MR POWELL WILL BE TRAVELING ON A PANAM INAUGURAL
TRIP AND HIS ETA FOR SAN FRANCISCO IS 8:50PM,
WEDNESDAY, OCT 6 ON PA 842. HE WILL BE STAYING
AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. HE WISHES TAKE
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ADVANTAGE OF THIS TRIP TO U.S. TO EXCHANGE VIEWS

WITH U.S. OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS LEADERS ON AUSTRALIAN-U.S. BUSINESS RELATIONS. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HEARING U.S. ATTITUDES TOWARD INVESTING IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND U.S. VIEWS OF AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE AS A MANUFACTURING COUNTRY. HE IS QUITE WILLING TO STAY A WEEK OR 10 DAYS AND TO TRAVEL AT HIS OWN EXPENSE TO WASHINGTON, DC OR NEW YORK OR TO OTHER POINTS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES. HE IS WILLING TO MAKE SPEECHES TO BUSINESS GROUPS BUT IS MORE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN SITUATIONS WHERE A MUTAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CAN OCCUR.

4. POST SUGGESTS DEPT CONTACT BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING (BCIU), NEW YORK CITY, WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MR POWELL AND ABLE TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM ON APPROPRIATELY HIGH BUSINESS LEVEL. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON ALSO MAY BE ASSISTING MR POWELL TO SOME EXTENT AS HE IS PERSONAL FRIEND OF PHILIP FLOOD, CHARGE D' AFFAIRES. DEPT SHOULD CONTACT FLOOD TO COORDINATE PLANS.

5. BRIEF BIODATA AS FOLLOWS:

A. FULL NAME: POWELL, BRIAN HARVEY BADEN
B. PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: ADELAIDE S.A. 5/12/32
C. CITIZENSHIP: AUSTRALIAN
D. HOME OR PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: 3 ALBURNUM CRESCENT, LOWER TEMPLESTOWE 3106. VICTORIA
E. ACADEMIC TRAINING: B. EC. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, CANBERRA
F. PRESENT POSITION: DIRECTOR, VICTORIAN CHAMBER OF MANUFACTURERS
G. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS HELD IN PAST: MGR TRAFFIC & CUSTOMS FORD AUSTRALIA. STATE TARIFF OFFICER DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS & EXCISE ALSO DEPUTY FEDERAL OFFICER. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CONTROLLER GENERAL OF CUSTOMS
H. MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS
J. TRAVEL ABROAD: U.S. 1973. EUROPEA 1976 AS DELEGATE TO OECD & ILO CONFERENCES
K. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: NATIVE SPEAKER.
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